

**Introduced by Senator Alquist**

February 18, 2010

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An act to amend Section 48260 of the Education Code, relating to pupil attendance.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1148, as introduced, Alquist. Pupil attendance.

Existing law defines a truant as any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without valid excuse 3 full days in one school year, or any combination thereof.

This bill would define a chronic truant as any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuing education who is absent from school without valid excuse for 10% or more of the schooldays in one school year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48260 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 48260. (a) Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education
- 4 or to compulsory continuation education who is absent from school
- 5 without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or
- 6 absent for more than any 30-minute period during the schoolday
- 7 without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or
- 8 any combination thereof, is a truant and shall be reported to the
- 9 attendance supervisor or to the superintendent of the school district.

1     **(b)** *Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to*  
2 *compulsory continuing education who is absent from school*  
3 *without valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the schooldays in*  
4 *one school year is a chronic truant.*

5     ~~(b)~~

6     **(c)** Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~ *subdivisions (a) and (b)*, it is  
7 the intent of the Legislature that school districts shall not change  
8 the method of attendance accounting provided for in existing law  
9 and shall not be required to employ period-by-period attendance  
10 accounting.